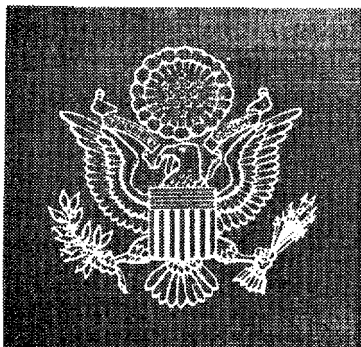


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TRUJILLO NAMED ECUADORAN REPRESENTATIVE TO UN

The appointment of José Vicente TRUJILLO as Ecuadoran Representative to the UN has been confirmed by the Ecuadoran Senate. A political opportunist of note, Trujillo is an able lawyer with a long record of government service as a Cabinet member, legislator and diplomat, interspersed with several periods as an educator. He entered the political arena after graduation from law school in 1914, obtaining election to the National Chamber of Deputies although he was only 25 years old. Since then he has shown considerable ability for political intrigue, duplicity and subversive agitation.

In the international scene he has proved himself a capable fence-straddler. Up to 1945 he had been considered pro-U.S., especially since a substantial part of his income was derived from representing American controlled firms as a legal retainer. Nevertheless, shortly after his appointment as Ambassador to Brazil that year he made a violently anti-American speech while privately maintaining his protestations of friendship for the United States. Even as Foreign Minister (1945-1947), he made numerous anti-American and pro-Argentine public utterances, assuring the American Ambassador that these statements were purely for domestic consumption. Although avowedly anti-Communist, Trujillo may be cited as an exponent of the acutely nationalistic trend now evident in Latin America, a trend which involves the use of forces of the right and the left indiscriminately in the accomplishment of chauvinistic ends.

Trujillo is no newcomer to the U.N. as he was a member of the Ecuadoran delegation to the fourth and fifth sessions of the General Assembly (1949 and 1950). Should the subject of the Ecuador-Peru boundary come up for discussion at U.N., Trujillo will be in an excellent position to handle it, as he has followed this dispute closely since he acted as delegate to the Washington negotiations on the subject in 1936-1938.

Trujillo's outstanding characteristics are strong will, inordinate ambition and a Machiavellian capacity for behind-the-scenes maneuvering. However, in spite of his shortcomings he is still one of Ecuador's best informed figures on international relations.

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